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DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS

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SUMMARY: AT JULY 29 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NAC, ERALP (TURKEY)  
PRESENTED STATEMENT ON THE REASONS FOR TURKEY'S DECISION  
REGARDING US JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND DESCRIBED THE  
MEASURES TURKEY HAS TAKEN. NUMBER OF PERMREPS EXPRESSED THE  
HOPE THAT ANKARA WOULD ACT WITH MODERATION AND WOULD NOT TAKE  
IRREVERSIBLE STEPS REGARDING OPERATION OF INSTALLATIONS  
IMPORTANT TO COMMON DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS OPENED MEETING BY SAYING HE HAD RETURNED TO NATO  
TO PRESIDE AT THE NAC BECAUSE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE HE  
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ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE HE UNDERSTOOD THE TUEKISH REPRESENTATIVE  
WANTED TO DISCUSS.

2. ERALP EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS

LUNS HAD MADE REGARDING THE US EMBARGO ON ARMS TO TURKEY,  
AND THEN READ THE PREPARED STATEMENT TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

3. AT LUNS' SUGGESTION, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MILITARY COMMITTEE

GENERAL COLLADAY OFFERED PRELIMINARY COMMENTS. HE SAID THAT  
HALTING THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS  
IN TURKEY WAS POTENTIALLY EXTREMELY SERIOUS FOR THE ALLIANCE  
BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE WAY THESE INSTALLATIONS CONTRIBUTE  
DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY TO THE COMMON NATO DEFENSE. THE  
MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE ISSUES  
ERALP HAD DISCUSSED AND WAS READY TO COOPERATE AND ASSIST  
THE NAC IN ANY WAY.

4. AMBASSADOR BRUCE MADE STATEMENT CONTAINED REF B.

5. LOGAN (UK CHARGE) SAID ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE MUST  
BE SENSITIVE TO THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER  
WHICH ALL OUR GOVERNMENTS OPERATE AND ASSIST EACH OTHER IN  
DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THESE CONSTRAINTS.  
HE SAID THE UK HAD EXPRESSED TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN  
ANKARA HOPE THAT THE TURKS WOULD NOT TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES AS  
A RESULT OF THE HOUSE VOTE. CATALANO (ITALY)  
SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY INDICATIONS IN  
ERALP'S STATEMENT THAT TURKEY WOULD CONTINUE TO  
WORK OUT THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE  
TASK OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE  
THESE EFFORTS IN THE COUNCIL AND THROUGH BILATERAL CONTACTS.  
CATALANO SUGGESTED THAT THE IMS PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT  
OF THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF THE STEPS  
TURKEY HAD TAKEN. GENERAL COLLADAY SAID US ASSISTANCE WOULD  
BE NEEDED IN PREPARING SUCH ASSESSMENT. LUNS SAID HE WOULD  
ASK THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE MATTER AND  
REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

6. MENZIES (CANADA) SAID THAT ALTHOUGH US LEGISLATORS HAD  
OVERREACTED, HE COULD UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE  
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USE OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE  
ORIGINALLY INTENDED. MENZIES EXPRESSED PERSONAL HOPE TURKS  
WOULD NOT TAKE ACTIONS IN SHORT TERM WHICH WOULD HAVE LONG-  
RANGE EFFECT OF WEAKENING POSITION OF ALLIANCE ON SOUTHEAST  
FLANK.

7. DE ROSE (FRANCE) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ENCOURAGING  
ELEMENT IN ERALP'S STATEMENT AND VIGOROUS EFFORTS OF US  
ADMINISTRATION TO RESPOND TO TURKEY'S NEEDS. HE ASKED ERALP  
TO CLARIFY SITUATION REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF NADGE AND OTHER  
NATO FACILITIES IN TURKEY. FISCHBACH (LUXEMBOURG) EXPRESSED HOPE THAT  
TURKISH ACTION AMOUNTED ONLY TO A SUSPENSION AND NOT TO A  
RUPTURE OF ACTIVITIES OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS.

BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS CHARGE), GAARDER (NORWAY CHARGE) AND WILLOT (BELGIUM CHARGE) SUPPORTED EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT TAKE ANY IRREVOCABLE STEPS IN THE SHORT TERM. SVART (DENMARK) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD ALREADY MADE THIS POINT TO THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN. KRAPF (GERMANY) SAID HE FOUND STATEMENT BY ERALP MODERATE AND REASSURING. HE JOINED OTHERS IN EXPRESSING HOPE THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES WOULD TAKE NO IRREVOCABLE STEPS.

8. THEODOROPOULOS (GREECE) SAID ON PERSONAL BASIS HE WISHED TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS, WHICH HE HOPED ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION. THE REFERENCE TO THE ROLE OF ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE HOUSE VOTE, TO WHICH ERALP REFERRED, WAS AN OVSIMPLIFICATION; THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE US CONGRESS AND THE US ADMINISTRATION WERE A MATTER OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE. A MILITARY ASSESSMENT, WHILE USEFUL, WOULD ONLY DEAL WITH ONE COMPONENT OF THE OVERALL PROBLEM. ALLIES SHOULD VIEW THIS ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN OVER THE PAST YEAR, WHICH THEODOROPOULOS ENUMERATED, AND NOT JUST IN LIGHT OF DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD REFRAINED FROM ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON A MATTER WHICH IT CONSIDERED TO BE AN INTERNAL US ISSUE OR A BILATERAL US-TURKEY ISSUE. LUNS AGREED THAT THE MILITARY ISSUES WERE ONLY ONE ASPECT OF THE OVERALL PROBLEM. LUNS SAID THAT WHEN HE PUBLICLY DEPLORED THE ACTION OF US CONGRESS ON THIS ISSUE HE WAS NOT TAKING A POSITION REGARDING BACKGROUND EVENTS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN RESTRAINED WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENT. HOWEVER  
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HE FELT HE MUST MAKE CLEAR PUBLICLY THAT THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE WILL SUFFER AS A RESULT OF BOTH US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND THE TURKISH REACTION.

9. ERALP SAID HE GATHERED FROM STATEMENTS OF COLLEAGUES THAT THE ENTIRE ALLIANCE WAS AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ISSUES HE HAD PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL. RESPONDING TO THEODOROPOULOS, HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS WELL AWARE OF THE ROLE ETHNIC GROUPS HAD PLAYED IN US HOUSE VOTE AND THAT THIS WAS NOT THE PLACE TO DEBATE EVENTS EXTENDING BACK TO LAST JULY, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD BE GLAD TO DO SO IF OTHERS INSISTED. HE TOOK EXCEPTION TO MENZIES' COMMENTS ABOUT ARMAMENTS BEING USED FOR PURPOSES THOSE PROVIDING THEM HAD NOT INTENDED. THIS WAS A MOOT POINT, SINCE TURKS BELIEVE USE FOR SELF-DEFENSE IS PERMITTED. NOTING COMMENTS THAT TURKEY SHOULD TAKE NO IRREVERSIBLE ACTIONS, HE SAID TURKEY HAD ACTED WITH GREAT RESTRAIN AND WOULD IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURES IT ENVISAGED IN A WAY THAT WOULD CREATE LEAST ACRI-MONY. AT THE SAME TIME, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ACTIVITIES AT COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE AS BEFORE UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME. IN RESPONSE TO DE ROSE'S QUESTION HE SAID ALL NATO ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY INCLUDING

NADGE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE. HE SUPPORTED PROPOSAL FOR AN ASSESSMENT BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SAID NAC SHOULD KEEP THIS ISSUE ON ITS AGENDA. ERALP EXPREXXED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR REMARKS OF AMBASSADOR BRUCE.

10. IN SUMMING UP, LUNS NOTED THAT HE HAD URGED RESUMPTION OF ARMS SUPPLY TO TURKEY BECAUSE THIS WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. HE WAS SURE THAT ALLIES WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO TURKISH STATEMENT. BOTH THE TURKISH AND US STATEMENTZS POINTED TO A DESIRE TO WORK FOR CONTINUED EFFECTIVE DEFENSE COOPERATION. OTHER STATEMENTS HAD HIGHLIGHTED NEED TO AVOID STEPS WHICH MIGHT WEAKEN THIS EFFORT. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WOULD ASSESS THE SITUATION AND REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

11. LUNS NOTED THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PRESS INTEREST IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, AND SAID HE WOULD BRIEF THE PRESS ALONG THE LINES OF HIS SUMMATION. ERALP SAID HE WOULD GIVE THE PRESS THE GIST BUT NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TEXT OF HIS STATEMENT. BRUCE SAID THE PRESS REGARDED THIS AS A POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ISSUE. HE HOPED THAT IN TALKING TO THE PRESS ABOUT THE COUNCIL MEETING, ALLIES WOULD STRESS THAT MEMBERS HAD HELD AN AMIABLE DISCUSSION AIMED AT ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF THE ALLIANCE. BRUCE

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